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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest the combination of the claimed former of a web processing machine as amended and supported by the reasons provided in the remarks of the amendment filed on 07/30/2007. In particular, the prior art of record fails to disclose a former of a web processing machine comprising among other features a first surface layer of a micro-porous air permeable material on each of a first and second converging leg areas of the former with a diameter of less than $150~\mu m$ to provide a first fluid output nor a second surface layer of a micro-porous air permeable material on a nose support surface of the former with a diameter of $150~\mu m$ to provide a second fluid output, while the second fluid output is greater than the first fluid output.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sameh H. Tawfik whose telephone number is 571-272-4470. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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